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1. A transshipment depot for ammunition is located on the Dvina River in the northern part of Riga, close to the west of Waldsehlöschen Brewery (see attached sketch, page two).
2. The ammunition depot is rectangular in shape, occupies an area of approximately 50 x 100 meters, and is surrounded by a barbed wire fence two meters high. (See layout sketch, page three.)
3. Between April 1950 and April 1951, about 25 German PWs were employed in unloading boxes of artillery ammunition and storing them in the depot sheds. The boats to be unloaded were brought to the depot by tugs. Ammunition in the depot was loaded into boxcars on a branch railway line which connects with the main Riga-Milgravis railway line (see layout sketch, page three), or reloaded into boats.
4. The caliber of the ammunition handled was not known. The ammunition boxes were of two sizes: about 1 x 0.5 m or about 0.5 x 0.3 m. The smaller boxes had Russian lettering and the figures 7.6. 600 to 800 of the large boxes and about 1200 of the small boxes were handled daily.
5. During loading and unloading, the PWs were continuously warned by the guards and the depot commander to exercise great care. The depot commander was a Soviet major called Tarkevich (fnu), or a similar name.

Comment. Only two dimensions have been given for each size ammunition box (paragraph four). The third dimension (depth ?) is missing.

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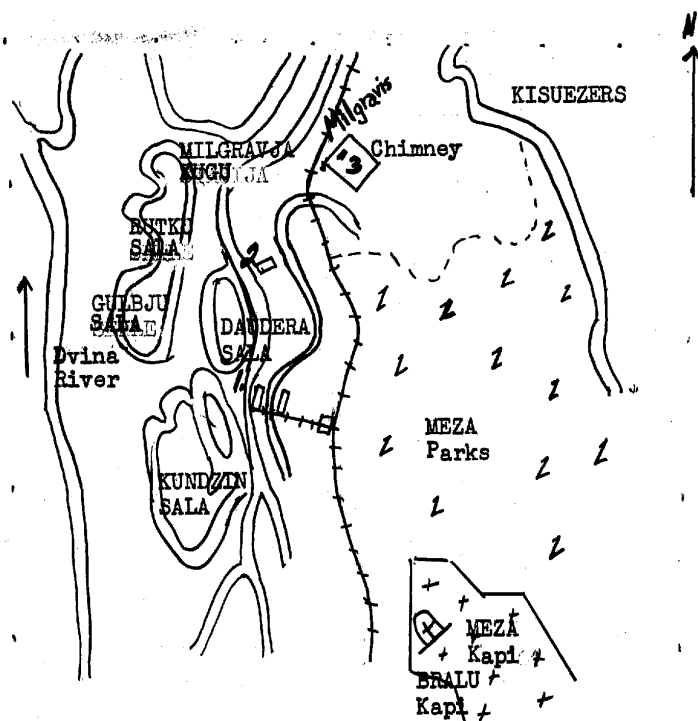
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Map of North Riga

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Legend:

1. Ammunition transshipment depot on Dvina River
2. Oil refinery
3. Electric power station

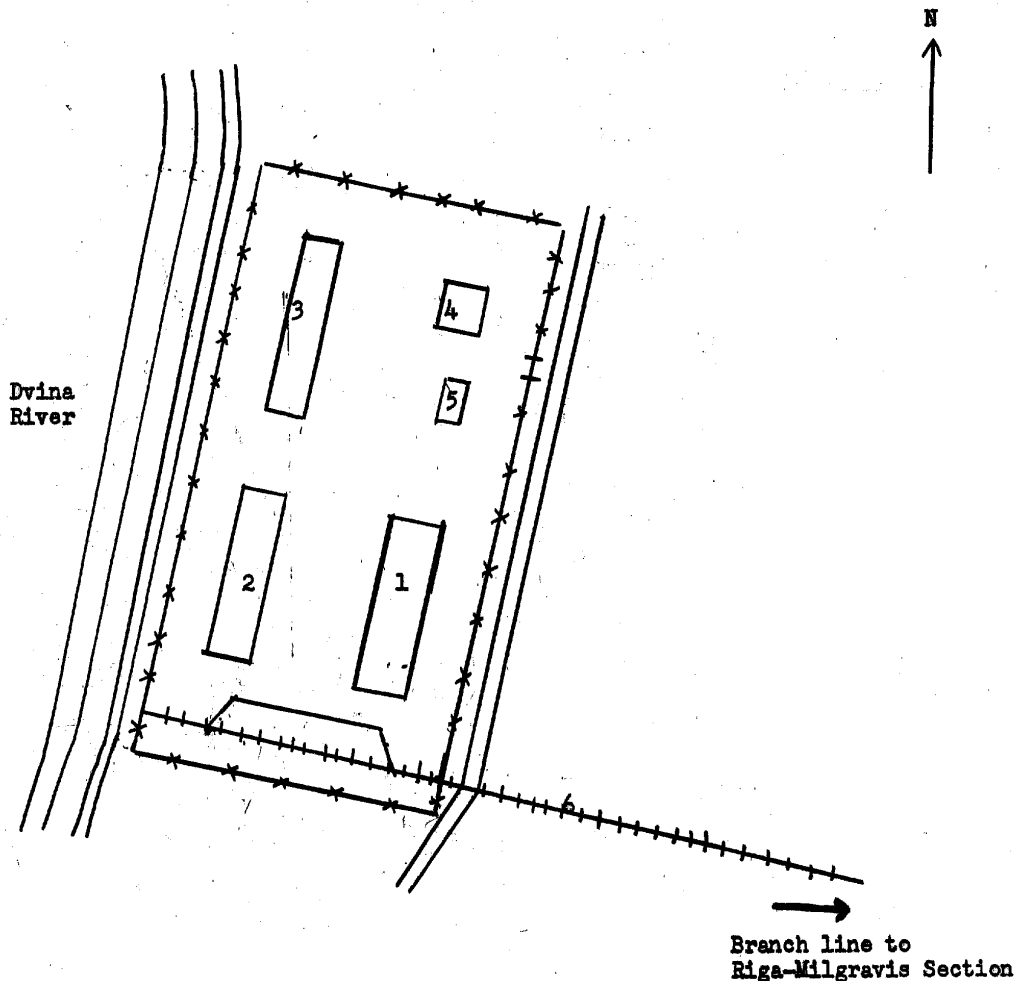
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Layout Sketch of Ammunition Transshipment Depot in RigaLegend:

- 1.-3. Brick sheds, about 30 x 10 meters each, for storing ammunition boxes.
4. Single-story, stone house, about 12 x 8 meters. Office and living quarters of the depot commander.
5. Small stone house used by the guard. A sentry is permanently stationed at the street entrance near the guardhouse. The gate to the Dvina River has a sentry only during working hours. At other times it is locked but unguarded.
6. Branch line running to the Riga Main Station-Milgravis railway. Spud has a loading ramp at the south end of the depot.

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